

**MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

The Murray City Municipal Council met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, in the Murray City Center, Conference Room #107, 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.

Members in Attendance:

Jeff Dredge	Council Chairman
Robert D. Robertson	Council Member
Jim Brass	Council Member
Patricia W. Griffiths	Council Member
Krista Dunn	Council Member

Others in Attendance:

Michael D. Wagstaff	Council Executive Director
Janet M. Lopez	Council Administrative Secretary
Jan Wells	Mayor's Chief of Staff
Bill Finch	Citizen
Erin McShay	Valley Journals

Chairman Dredge called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Dredge called for a motion on the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 17, 2009. Ms. Griffiths moved approval as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brass and carried 5-0.

Staff Report

Mr. Dredge moved ahead to the staff report from Mr. Wagstaff, who commented that the March 10, 2009 Council Meeting had been canceled, however, the midyear budget conference would be held on that date from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. as scheduled.

Ms. Dunn noted that the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) would like to get informal attendance numbers for the Mid Year Conference in St. George to be held April 15 - 17, 2009. Mr. Robertson was unsure of his schedule, however, all the other Council Members and Mr. Wagstaff are planning to attend. Ms. Wells added that she, the Mayor and Mr. Fountain would be there, as well.

The tour of the new fire station was the final item of business. Mr. Dredge adjourned the Committee of the Whole meeting and stated that the tour would commence at Fire Station #83, 450 West 5900 South.

Joining the Council Members at the fire station were Chief Gil Rodriguez, Battalion Chiefs Randy Willden and Jon Harris, Police Chief Pete Fondaco, and Mayor Snarr.

Chief Rodriguez began the tour in the large open living quarters, which includes a fully appointed kitchen, complete with three refrigerators. To the north of this room is a work out facility with a rubberized floor.

Along the east side of the building are nine sleeping rooms, including the captain's room toward the front, which has a doorway to the captain's office. Separate and beside that is a police substation office on the front end of the building. These offices are adjacent to the front glass vestibule and this will be open to the public with a phone to notify the fire fighters of issues, before entry to the rest of the facility is granted.

Opposite the offices is a large community room that can be utilized for training or by groups in the neighborhood. It also contains an emergency exit door. This area can be accessed without entering the fire fighters' living quarters near the rear of the building.

Going back down the hallway are the restrooms, showers, utility closet and laundry rooms.

There is an elevator to the basement, as well as, stairs that lead to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) on the lower level. Until now, the EOC has not had a permanent location, so this can be set up and available for training operations and emergency use as necessary. Staffing will be on an as needed basis only. An accordion door will be installed as a partition across the room. An ample kitchen is housed on this level for EOC use, and all appliances have been donated.

An *area of refuge* has been provided with access from both levels of the fire station. This is outdoors and surrounded by cement.

A large open storage room is provided in the basement, and is temperature controlled. Also housed on the lower level is a mechanical room with a generator that will provide power in an emergency for the entire building.

Mr. Harris noted that the building was planned and constructed with a vision for occupancy needs up to 50 years. It will currently be staffed with four firefighters and one fire engine, however there is room for expansion to two engines and staff up to nine.

The large truck room contains three double garage doors and will likely house the new ladder truck and an engine.

For security purposes, Chief Rodriguez stated that card access is necessary throughout the building. He anticipates that the remainder of the concrete driveway will be finished soon and occupancy is anticipated in approximately one month.

The tour was completed at 6:15 p.m.

Janet M. Lopez
Administrative Secretary